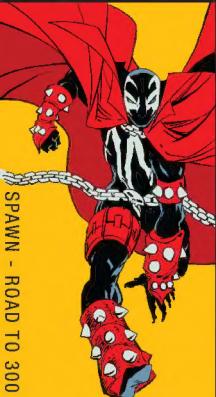


ROAD TO #300

# SPAWN®

SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH  
**DANGER!**



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#### PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Al Simmons uses a secure location to speak remotely to the media. With the help of Marc, he's able to remain hidden. Although Marc seems out of harm's way, things quickly change when he is taken into police custody and question about Spawn's whereabouts. But what Marc learns, is that the 'humans' who are questioning him, are not humans at all, but demons. Luckily, Spawn comes to his rescue and transports Marc and him to safety. When Spawn and Marc get back to his house, they are greeted by more demons and must begin a fight to the death. Elsewhere, Nyx has a call with a mysterious lady and warns her that everyone Spawn has ever encountered, has been killed by Hell's minions. They both know they must be prepared for what is ahead.



IT STARTED WITH  
ANGEL WARRIOR.



THEN HELL  
JOINED THE  
FRAY.



MAKING SPAWN'S  
ODDS OF WINNING  
THAT MUCH LOWER.



BUT SPAWN HAS PREPARED  
FOR THIS ATTACK BECAUSE  
HE KNOWS HOW HIS  
ENEMIES THINK.



HOW HIS  
ENEMIES  
ACT.



AND THAT  
ALWAYS BALANCES  
THE ODDS.

TO EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM, THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A "SURPRISE" ATTACK ON SPAWN. UNDER ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE, THESE CREATURES AND BEINGS ARE SWORN ENEMIES, BUT TONIGHT THEY'VE JOINED A COMMON CAUSE IN THEIR QUEST TO FIND THE HIDING PLACE WHERE SPAWN DISAPPEARS WHENEVER HE ENTERS THIS PARTICULAR HOUSE.

SO, THEY WATCHED, AND THEY FOLLOWED, LOOKING TO FIND THE PROPER BAIT TO LURE SPAWN FROM HIS HIDING PLACE. A PLACE THAT EXISTS SOMEWHERE...HIDDEN INSIDE THE SHADOWS THAT BLANKET DOZENS OF CORNERS OF THIS HOUSE. MARC ROSEN BECAME THEIR BAIT.

AT FIRST, THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD GET THE INFORMATION IN A MORE "NORMAL" FASHION. THAT FEEBLE ATTEMPT FAILED MISERABLY.\*

SO, AN AMBUSH WAS STAGED, HOPING TO CATCH SPAWN OFF GUARD BY PUTTING HIS FRIEND MARC IN HARM'S WAY AND THEN REINFORCING THEIR RANKS BY COMBINING AN ASSAULT ON TWO FRONTS. FOR IF SPAWN IS TO EVER BE DESTROYED, IT WILL HAVE TO COME FROM THE SIMULTANEOUS EFFORTS OF HEAVEN AND HELL'S SUPPOSED BEST WARRIORS.



BUT THE THING NONE OF THEM HAVE REALIZED YET, IS THAT THE PERSON LEAST SURPRISED BY THIS AMBUSH IS SPAWN HIMSELF.

BECAUSE AFTER MONTHS OF PLANNING, HE'S FINALLY READY TO UNLEASH HIS LONG-AWAITED MASTER PLAN!



WITH THAT, SPAWN PUSHES MARC INTO A SHADOW. A HEARTBEAT LATER HE'S TELEPORTED HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY TO THEIR 'SAFEHOUSE'.

THUK



THOUGH HE IS HOLDING HIS OWN, IT'S NOT WITHOUT COST. SPAWN'S BODY IS SLOWLY BEGINNING TO ACHE. HE KNEW THEY WERE PLANNING TO ATTACK HIM, BUT THIS NEW BREED OF ANGELS ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN HE'D ANTICIPATED.

YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME, SPAWN, WHEN YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE.

AND NOW THEY'VE GOTTEN MORE POWERFUL.

GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US, REDEEMER. I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU HAD ABANDONED US.

WE ALL HAD OUR ROLES. I WAS DOING MINE.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

SPAWN'S DEATH IS ALL THAT MATTERS.

THEN WE RAPE THE SOULS OF HIS UNPROTECTED HUMANS.



IN RESPONSE, SPAWN  
DOESN'T SPEAK. HE  
ACTS INSTEAD.

BECUSE IF NEEDED,  
HE CAME HERE TO  
DIE FOR HIS CAUSE.

GRAB HIM!  
DON'T LET HIM  
GET IN THE  
SHADOWS!

STAND AND  
FIGHT, YOU  
COWARD!

SPAWN STOPS BRIEFLY, FOR PART OF HIS PLAN RESTS ON ONE OF HIS ENEMIES MAKING A DECISIVE CHOICE. A CHOICE THAT EITHER WILL AID SPAWN... OR KILL HIM. THERE ISN'T A THIRD CHOICE.

MY WORLD IS DECAYING BECAUSE OF YOUR WARS. WHAT SIDE ARE YOU GOING TO BE ON, REDEEMER?

WHAT SIDE?!

STOP THEM!

THEY VANISH  
WITHOUT A TRACE.

FIND  
THEM!

IN THE  
CORNER!  
SHINE A  
LIGHT!

BEFORE A LIGHT  
REACHES THE CORNER...

REDEEMER!

WHERE IS  
HE? WHERE'S  
SPAWN?

HE'S  
GONE.\*

CRASH

\*We'll see next issue  
what happened in the  
'darkness.' --Todd

PULLING UP STORY AFTER STORY ON THE INTERNET, NYX CROSS REFERENCES THE NAMES HER CONTACTS HAVE GIVEN HER AGAINST THE NAMES OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

RECITING THE NAMES OF THOSE SHE PERSONALLY KNEW HERSELF

New stories continue to pour in as panic is beginning to set in across the world over the drastic plunge in international stock markets. But more alarming are the sudden deaths of more than a dozen high ranking global executives, from some of the biggest corporations. Added to that is the resignations and disappearance of top government officials from Indonesia, Albania, Italy and Spain.

REYNOLDS.  
TAMEROV.  
MARCANO.  
KEPTULVSKY.

MASSULLO.  
MY GOD...  
NOT BERENSTEIN.

SHE RECOGNIZES NAME AFTER NAME.

He's intimated they're hiding secrets from the public about certain activities, including Simmons' own apparent resurrection, that may have direct impact on our lives. And with the recent flood of bizarre behavior coming from around the globe, it is hard to dispute...

Some are wondering if this was triggered by the appearance of the man calling himself Al Simmons.

A few journalists have pointed out, that the downturn of the markets and the suspicious death and disappearances, all began when Simmons said that government officials and their allies are lying to us.

SHE'S HEARD ENOUGH.

JESSICA.  
THIS IS ALL  
GETTING WORSE.  
I THINK I KNOW  
WHAT THEY'RE  
DOING. AND  
WHY.

AND  
IF I'M RIGHT,  
SIMMONS IS  
GOING TO NEED  
ALL THE  
HELP HE CAN  
GET.

IT'S NOT  
LIKE YOU  
TO SOUND...  
SKITTISH.

LOOK,  
I DON'T HAVE  
TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW.  
JUST *GET YOUR ASS*  
OVER HERE AND  
WE CAN GO  
THROUGH IT.

I CAN'T  
TRUST SENDING  
ANYTHING MORE  
DIGITALLY. WE  
JUST NEED TO  
MEET.

WHEN?  
NOW!  
WHO ELSE  
HAVE YOU  
TOLD?  
JUST  
YOU. AND  
ONE  
OTHER.

**knock knock**

IN FACT,  
HE'S HERE  
NOW. SO,  
HURRY.

CLICK

THANKS  
FOR  
COMING.

OF COURSE.  
NOW, WHAT'S  
GOING ON? TELL  
ME WHY YOU'RE  
SO CONCERNED.  
WHAT YOU  
KNOW.



ALBANIA THE FOREST REGION

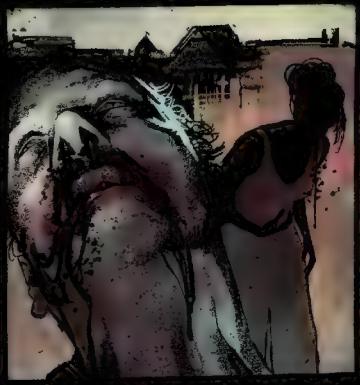


IN SPITE OF THE NEWS AGENCIES REPORTING ON OUTBREAKS OF "ABNORMAL" BEHAVIOR IN A HANDFUL OF COUNTRIES, ANYTHING THE MEDIA IS MAKING PUBLIC, PALES IN COMPARISON TO WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENING AT THE HANDS OF THOSE LOYAL TO HELL.

AND, AS HAPPENED DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, NO ONE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECTS UPON THE UNWITTING PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING EXPERIMENTED UPON... PARTICULARLY WHEN THE PEOPLE MOST AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION ARE THE POOR.



THE ATROCITIES BEGIN WITH MASSIVE CHEMICAL DUMPING NEAR UNGUARDDED WATER SUPPLIES...



...RESULTING IN ORGAN AND COGNITIVE MALFUNCTIONS...

...AND AGONIZING DEATH FOR THOSE WHOSE BODIES ARE TOO WEAK TO FEND OFF THESE RAPIDLY ACCUMULATING POISONS.



"AN ALARMING INCREASE IN THIS HORRIFIC ACTIVITY SEEMS TO BE SPREADING ACROSS THE SOUTH EUROPEAN PENINSULA..."



"AUTHORITIES AT THE UNITED NATIONS ARE MAKING ATTEMPTS TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS INTO SOME OF THE AREAS BEING AFFLICTED BY RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE BY THEIR CITIZENS. HOWEVER, WE'RE BEING TOLD MOST OF THESE ATTEMPTS ARE BEING REBUFFED BY THE VERY GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES MOST AFFLICTED. PART OF THIS CHAOS COMES BECAUSE OF THE SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF THE U.N. AMBASSADORS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES."

"OTHER GLOBAL LEADERS ARE MAKING THEIR VIEWS KNOWN AS TO WHAT SIDE OF THIS SITUATION THEY SUPPORT, AS SOME BELIEVE THAT THE U.N. SHOULD NOT BE PRYING INTO THE MATTERS OF A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY BASED MERELY ON UNFOUNDED RUMORS AND UNSUBSTANTIATED EVIDENCE. JOURNALISTS ALSO CONTINUE TO PRESS OFFICIALS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD AS TO HOW THEY INTEND TO HANDLE THE ECONOMIC BLEEDING THAT IS RILING EVERY ECONOMIST."



"REPORTS COMING OUT OF LONDON ARE SAYING THAT, WITH SOME CORPORATIONS' STOCK VALUES IN FREEFALL, MANY REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS ARE BEING ABRUPTLY THROWN OUT THE WINDOW. THIS MAY GO SOME DISTANCE TO EXPLAINING WHY SCIENTISTS ARE FINDING Elevated LEVELS OF MANY UNAUTHORIZED SUBSTANCES IN EVERYTHING FROM FOOD TO CLOTHING PRODUCTS, ALL OF WHICH COME INTO CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE BODY."

"THE BIGGEST FEAR IN THE SCIENCE COMMUNITY, THOUGH, IS THAT SOME OF THE CONTAMINATION WILL REACH LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES. WHETHER THAT WOULD BE FROM THE POLLUTANTS IN THE SOIL NEAR THOSE WATERS, OR AS A BY-PRODUCT OF FACTORY SYSTEMS POURING THEIR WASTE PRODUCTS INTO THE WATERWAYS DIRECTLY, IS A MATTER OF DEBATE. WITH MOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SCRAMBLING TO CONTROL THEIR BANKING AND EXECUTIVE ISSUES, IT DOESN'T APPEAR THAT ANY QUICK REMEDIES ARE AT HAND."



"I'VE SAID IT A THOUSAND TIMES BEFORE--WE NEED A REVOLUTION! A COMPLETE UPRISING BY THE PEOPLE TO OVERTHROW THESE PANSY-ASSED DICTATORS WHO SO EASILY PLAY WITH ALL OF OUR LIVES! IT'S THEM THAT ARE DRIVING US TO THESE INSANE ACTS OF VIOLENCE, THAT ARE STOKING THE FIRES OF INSANITY IN OTHERWISE SANE INDIVIDUALS! THIS IS WHY WE MUST PROTECT ALL OF OUR GUN LAWS!...BECAUSE, IF OUR ELECTED LEADERS WON'T PROTECT US, THEN WE MUST PROTECT OURSELVES... AT ANY COST!"

"THE APPEARANCE OF THE COSTUMED MAN AL SIMMONS SHOULD NOW BE SEEN AS PROPHETIC! HE TOLD US NOT TO TRUST OUR LEADERS...THAT THEY WILL DO ANYTHING TO SAVE THEIR OWN CAREERS AND LIFESTYLES!...THAT THEY WILL LIBERATE...THAT THEY WILL NOT GIVE US THE PROPER SAFETY ALL OF US NEED TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN. WELL, WHEN THEY START TO COMPROMISE MY CHILD'S FUTURE THEY ARE SIMPLY ASKING FOR WAR!!..."

**FOR A REVOLUTION!!!"**



OR IS THIS DRAMATIC ENTRANCE OF YOURS JUST FOR SHOW?

WHO KILLED MY WIFE?

FINALLY! BUT YOU'RE NOT ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION! IT'S NOT "WHO KILLED HER"--IT'S WHY THEY DID IT! HEARD THEY HAD SOME 'FUN' WITH HER BEFORE THE SLAUGHTER.

KILLED

WHO

HER!

I DON'T KNOW!

YOU'VE GOT TWO SECONDS!

GO AHEAD,  
**KILL ME!**  
YOU THINK IT'LL MATTER??!

CRASH



LEFT ALONE, THE OBESE DEMON COLLECTS HIMSELF. HE KNOWS SPAWN DOESN'T MAKE IDLE THREATS. HE ALSO KNOWS THAT IF SPAWN WERE TO EVER RETURN, THEN SOMETHING WILL HAVE GONE TERRIBLY WRONG WITH HELT'S PLANS.

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WELL DONE,  
BROCK.

YOU  
PERFORMED  
EXACTLY AS  
INSTRUCTED.  
I WON'T  
FORGET YOUR  
LOYALTY.

THANK  
YOU,  
BOSS.

IT'S BEEN A FEW HOURS SINCE SPAWN RESCUED MARC. DURING THAT TIME, OTHER THAN TRYING TO SETTLE HIS NERVES, HE'S BEEN SCOURING FOR A WAY TO HELP SPAWN. BUT AFTER LISTENING TO LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF NEWS REPORTS, JUST AS HE TURNS OFF THE MONITORS, SOMETHING ELSE HAS GRABBED HIS ATTENTION.

THIS  
CAN'T  
BE.

MARC KNOWS HE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON HIS LATEST ATTACK BY HEAVEN'S ELITE BECAUSE THEY JUST TRIED TO KILL HIM

OR THAT SPAWN'S ENEMIES NOW KNOW WHERE MARC LIVES AND WORKS

HE UNDERSTANDS THE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES TO HUMANITY IF SPAWN CAN'T QUELL THE TIDE

BUT NOW HAVING TIME TO PROCESS ALL THAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM ALONG WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NEWS REPORTS SOMETHING ELSE NAGS AT HIM

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MARC?

AND HIS INVESTIGATIVE INSTINCTS HAVE TAKEN HIM OVER AS HE POURS OVER EVERY FILE SPAWN GAVE HIM TO RESEARCH. THEN HE BEGINS TO CROSS REFERENCE THOSE TIES.

FEAR RUNS THROUGH MARC'S BODY. HE DOES EVERYTHING HE CAN TO SUPPRESS IT.

I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT QUESTION. WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?

YOUR FILES I LOOKED AT THEM--ALL OF THEM!

EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING CRAZY IN THE WORLD IS BECAUSE OF YOU! IT'S  
**BECAUSE OF YOU!**

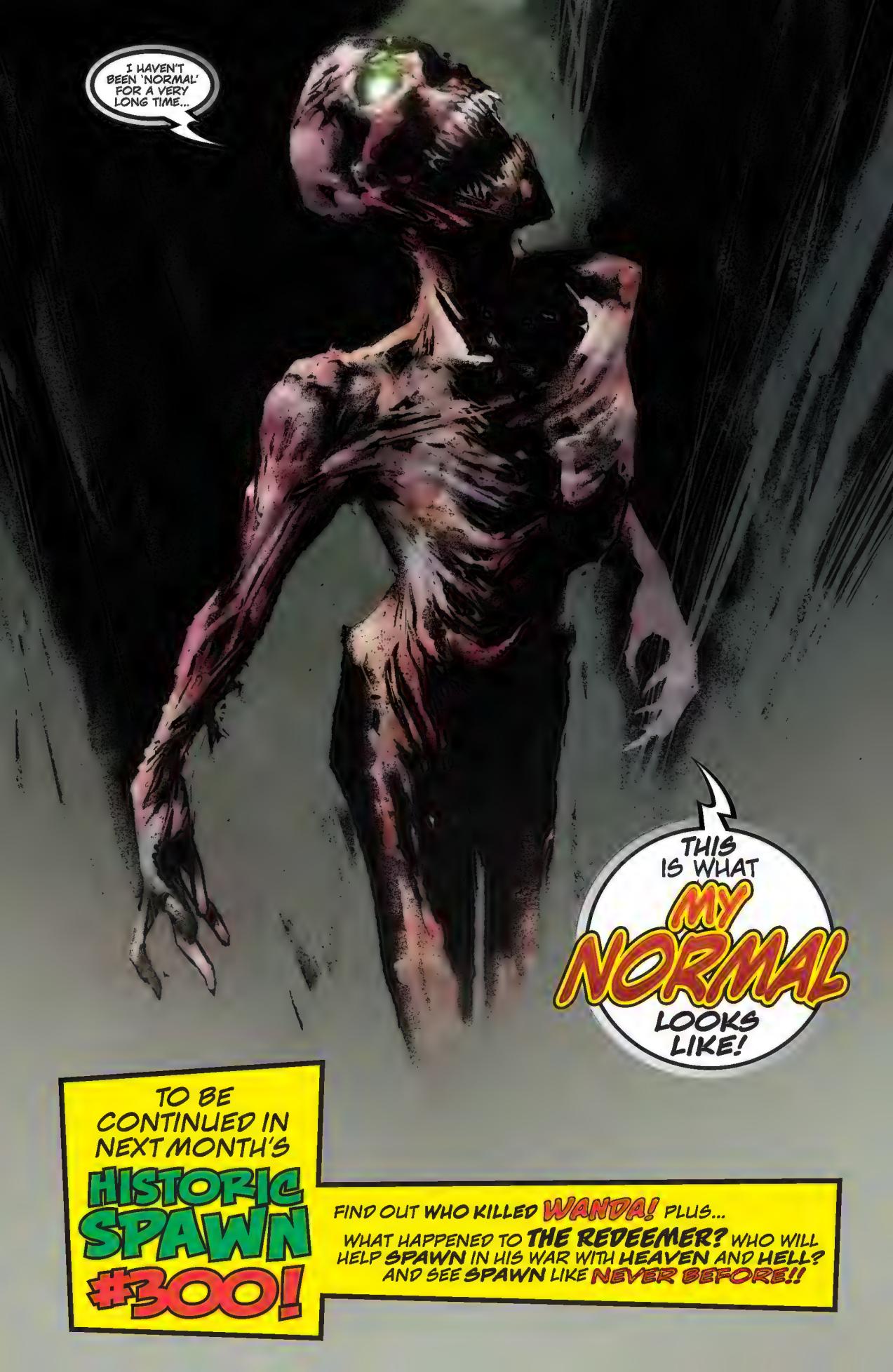
THE STOCK MARKETS, THE SUICIDES AND DISAPPEARANCES, GOVERNMENTS IN TOTAL CHAOS! DID YOU THINK THEY WOULDN'T RETALIATE? THAT YOU COULD TAKE THEIR POWER AND CASH AWAY AND THEY WOULDN'T REACT?

YOU'RE HURTING MILLIONS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO COUNT ON A HEALTHY ECONOMY TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES! YOU MAY BE HURTING YOUR ENEMIES, BUT NOW THEY'RE MURDERING OR POISONING THEM--ON A **GLOBAL SCALE!**

YOU DON'T GET TO PLAY GOD JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT **REVENGE** ON THOSE WHO MURDERED YOUR WIFE!

WHY CAN'T YOU ACT **NORMAL?**

NORMAL?



I HAVEN'T  
BEEN 'NORMAL'  
FOR A VERY  
LONG TIME...

THIS  
IS WHAT  
MY  
**NORMAL**  
LOOKS  
LIKE!

TO BE  
CONTINUED IN  
NEXT MONTH'S  
**HISTORIC  
SPAWN**  
**#300!**

FIND OUT WHO KILLED **WANDA!** PLUS...  
WHAT HAPPENED TO **THE REDEEMER?** WHO WILL  
HELP SPAWN IN HIS WAR WITH HEAVEN AND HELL?  
AND SEE SPAWN LIKE **NEVER BEFORE!!**

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## IT'S A CELEBRATION

The comic book you hold in your hands is more than just the latest creative endeavor in a nearly three-decade journey. It is a prelude to HISTORY. And the open ceremony of a celebration that will begin in one month's time in the pages of SPAWN #300, when Todd McFarlane's hell-born anti-hero ties the mark for the longest running creator-owned comic book in the world. But the fun won't stop there! The party continues with the hallmark release of SPAWN #301, the issue that pushes SPAWN into truly uncharted territory as it breaks the record for longevity in the field creator-owned comic books.

Joining the festivities will be superstar artists Greg Capullo (Batman, Reborn), J. Scott Campbell (Amazing Spider-Man, Danger Girl), Jerome Opeña (Uncanny X-Force, Seven to Eternity) and Jason Shawn Alexander (Spawn, Empty Zone), and superstar writer Scott Snyder (Batman, Wytches). But that's not all...

Todd will be returning to pencil and ink all-new, original pages in both SPAWN #300 and #301! Let me say that again...

### SPAWN #300 AND #301 WILL FEATURE ALL-NEW INTERIOR ARTWORK BY TODD MCFARLANE!!!

Todd's artistic talents helped define a generation and launch the Image Comics revolution. He inspired countless creators (myself included) to draw or write or create. So, seeing him back at the board drawing and inking pages day in-and-day out is exciting and inspiring, and I CANNOT WAIT for you to see what he and all of the talent assembled to bring issues #300 and #301 are cooking up. But why wait...?

Turn the page for a sneak peek at some of pages from SPAWN #300—art work from Greg Capullo and inked by Todd McFarlane, J. Scott Campbell and Jerome Opeña.

Until next month... Give 'em Hell!!!

-Jon



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An epic milestone in  
the history of Spawn!  
Records are made and  
battles are fought!

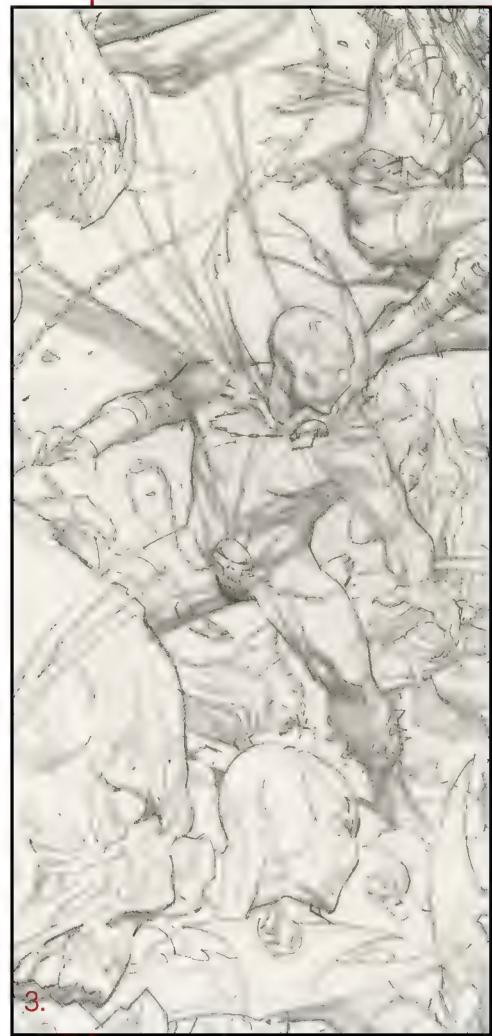




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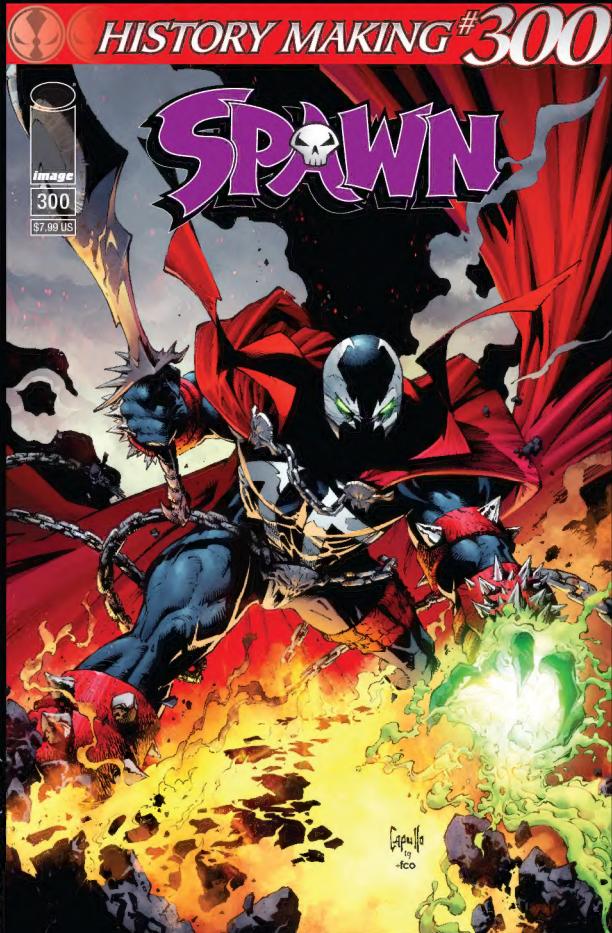
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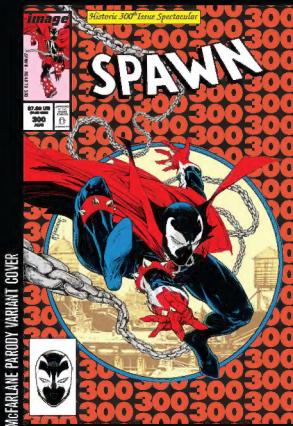
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SPAWN MAKES HISTORY BECOMING THE LONGEST-RUNNING CREATOR OWNED SERIES IN COMIC BOOK HISTORY! TO CELEBRATE, LEGENDARY ARTISTS TODD MCFARLANE AND GREG CAPULLO RETURN WITH ALL-NEW INTERIOR PENCILS, WITH ADDITIONAL ART PROVIDED BY JASON SHAWN ALEXANDER, J. SCOTT CAMPBELL, AND JEROME OPENA, A CAVALCADE OF CELEBRATORY COVERS, AND ADDITIONAL WRITING BY SCOTT SNYDER! FIRST IN A 2 PART STORY BURSTING INTO AN OVERSIZED 72 PAGES AND OVER FLOWING INTO ISSUE 301!



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